

MOVEMENT FOR "GREATER RICHMOND" STIRRING THE PEOPLE TO ACTION

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The Committee on Charter, Ordinances and Reform will meet Thursday night to take up the question of annexation and the members will find active support in their labors from the Civic Improvement League, which organization is taking a most active part for "Greater Richmond."

The League takes the same view of the proposition as that advanced by the Chamber of Commerce, the T. P. A. and other associations and business men and it looks as if everything is now tending toward a considerable broadening out of the city's lines.

Mr. Robert Lee Traylor is an active member of the League and he is co-operating in every possible way to press the scheme. Mayor McCarthy is known to favor the taking in of additional territory and he desires that it shall be of such a nature as to furnish cheaper homes for those who wish to build.

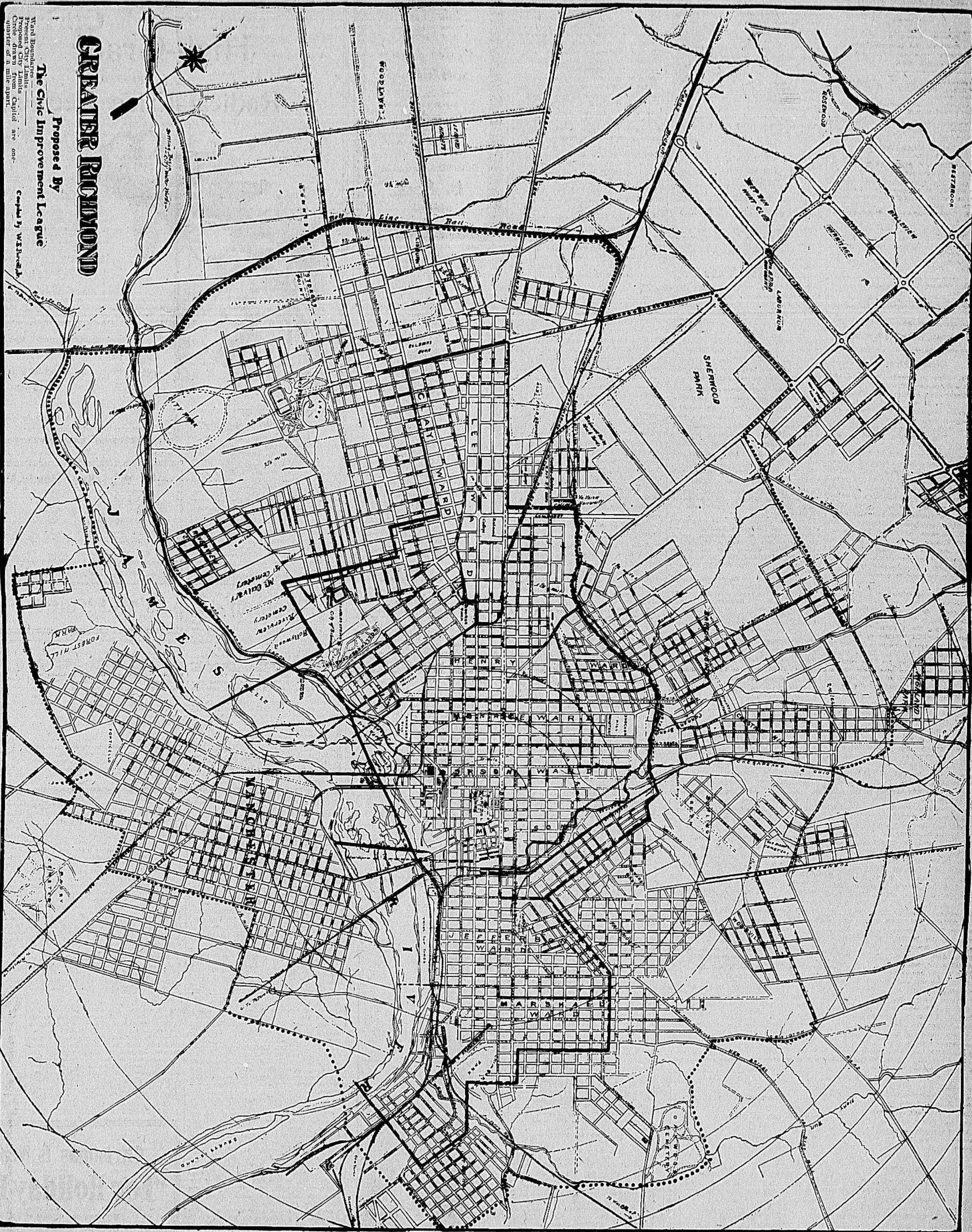
MR. COOKE TALKS.
In discussing the proposition of annexation, Mr. Chas. B. Cooke, president of the Civic Improvement League, said last night:

"The Civic Improvement League is in favor of a much larger city than at first was thought sufficient. Greater Richmond is the watchword and the city must take into its limits all outlying territory contiguous to its borders. This is very necessary: First, because the city should control the laying out and plotting of all tracts of land designed to be a part of the city. No one should be allowed to lay out lots of all sorts, sizes and descriptions; changing the course of streets and depth of lots. This should all be controlled from the City Engineer's office and streets made to conform to those now existing and buildings erected according to building laws and rules prescribed by the city.

"Second, the city should take in enough territory to control the water shed surrounding the city. Most of the creeks flow to Bacon's Quarter Branch and James River. It is for the health of all citizens in Richmond that the city should control these natural sewers.

OUTLYING SECTIONS.

"Third, the city should take in more than a small piece of territory already built up and should take in undeveloped lands that will eventually be improved under the city's supervision to the benefit of the whole community, and increased revenue to the treasury. The taking in of a large territory will not necessitate increase taxes, but rather diminish them. At present a large amount of money is collected from a very small area, thereby making the assessment large, while with more than double the territory, in time, a board of equalization could minimize the taxes on all and yet give us one great, grand city of which all will be proud. Let us expand and not haggle over the details. Richmond has outgrown her clothes, she must have a new dress; she must have new limits, sufficient not for a few years, but for a generation. Arouse civic pride, increase business and make every man a rooter for Greater Richmond. A great big city attracts a great big business. Richmond will be a big city if she takes in what belongs to her into one compact organization. Let us have 'Greater Richmond' a realization and not a theory."



SOUTH BOSTON SOCIAL.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., Dec. 3.—The most pleasing entertainment of the season was rendered at the opera house last Tuesday evening by the Home Opera Company, in their beautiful and historical Indian operetta, known as "Powhatan." This company, composed of local talent, numbering about one hundred warriors, Indian maidens, paposes, feather dancers and little braves, had been carefully and skillfully drilled by Mr. Albert L. Baker, of Chicago, who deserves much credit for the skillful manner in which he handled his company, and they were fully repaid when they were greeted by a full house, and were applauded audibly

and several times encored. The music was entirely new and catchy, while the costumes and scenery were appropriate and beautiful. Mr. Walter P. Yancey, played the part of Powhatan, chief of the tribe, and king of Virginia, so well that it seemed as though he had been on the stage for years, or that he was really the old chieftain himself.

Mr. Claude Conley, as the "Medicine Man," and Dr. D. K. Davis, as "Panther Scout," created no little laughter and comment, and Mr. Edgar T. Heasley as Capt. John Rolfe was especially good, while Mr. Albert Baker as Capt. John Smith, "With His Little Book" simply brought down the house. Miss Lucille K. Simmonds as "Laughing Star" and Miss Louise Penick as "Mianahana" and Miss

Mamie Basley as "Song Bird," sang well their parts and ranked among the favorites.

Mrs. A. R. Green had entire charge of the music, and throughout the entire evening delighted the audience with exquisite high class operatic music. One of the most beautiful scenes in the play, was the march and feather dance by about fifty of the younger boys and girls. The proceeds of the play were for the benefit of Trinity Episcopal Church, and quite a handsome sum was realized.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. George Ludwig Paschau were the

guests of honor at a brilliant society german last night. L'Armose German Club gave the function in honor of the young couple, who returned yesterday from their wedding trip to New York and St. Louis.

Mrs. Paschau was Miss Grayson Willingham, of Marlotta, Ga., and the wedding was celebrated a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, the well known society people, of New York, are spending several weeks at their magnificent country home, Abrie, on Wrightsville Sound. Among their guests is Mr. Henry Walters, the head of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Mrs. Edwin Northon and Miss Wright gave an at home this afternoon. It

was one of the prettiest home entertainments of the season and over a hundred guests were in attendance.

Miss Mabel Powers, a charming young woman of Atlanta, who formerly lived in Wilmington, is here on a visit to friends. Miss Powers is a great favorite in local social circles.

Miss Isabel Shoter, of Savannah, is in the city on a visit to Miss Isabel Mountree, her cousin. Miss Shoter has been the recipient of many social attentions since she came to North Carolina.

Mrs. Virginia Bailey and Mrs. E. P. Bailey returned this week from Europe, after a three or four months' tour abroad.

Mrs. Fred Polson, of London, after a

visit to relatives here and in New York, sailed this week for home.

Miss Hanna Bolles has returned from a visit to New York, where she was the guest of the Countess Fred Polson.

Miss Sarah Kenan has returned home after spending several months with her sister, Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, at Marlottown, N. Y.

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EMPORIA, VA., Dec. 3.—If all signs do not fall a change in the Belfield Post-

office will take place at no distant date, and the present holder of the office will be succeeded by one of several aspirants for the place who reside on the north side of the Meriherrin, Messrs. Rogers Dyson, Charles S. Garner and S. O. Wilson, appear to want the office and have gone to work hoping to secure the position.

In the meantime the Norfolk Dispensary, presided over by the Hon. George Bowden, is being deluged with "Hoo duet" bildeaux's from this end of the line.

Mr. Dyson says he will land and so say the other two good Republicans, but until the change of postmasters is made it appears to be an even struggle.

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